



Meeting Summary

Overview

The City of Tucson Department of Transportation (TDOT), in conjunction with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), held the first public meeting for the Kolb Road: Connection to Sabino Canyon Road project at the Morris K. Udall Regional Center on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2009, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting was to gather public input and provide information on the status and schedule of the voter-approved RTA plan to connect Sabino Canyon Road with Kolb Road.

Outreach Notification

Outreach was obtained by mailing a postcard notification on Aug. 24, to those who were within two miles of the project area. The boundary lines of the mailing were Cloud Road to the north, Speedway Boulevard to the south, Pantano Road to the east and Wilmot Road to the west. Government officials were notified on Aug. 26, an advertisement ran in the Arizona Daily Star on Aug. 27, and a news release was sent to the media on Sept. 4.

Meeting Format

As the public arrived for the meeting, they were greeted by the public involvement team and were asked to sign-in to document their presence. They were given an agenda, fact sheet, comment form and question card. A description of the meeting format and layout of the room were given to the arriving public. The meeting began with an open house format and one-on-one conversations with the residents, business owners and team members. At 6:30 p.m., a PowerPoint presentation began with multiple presenters to explain the different components of the project. Areas that were presented were: project history, description, status and schedule; public participation; RTA funding; federal funding and environmental through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process (please see attached PowerPoint presentation). The public had been asked at the sign-in table to write down their questions on question cards that would be gathered by team members during the PowerPoint presentation and

answered by team members with expertise in the area relating to the question. The question-and-answer session began at approximately 7:00 p.m. and lasted approximately 30 minutes. At the conclusion of the question-and-answer session, the meeting went back into an open house format.

The meeting was well attended by 136 members of the public and adjourned at approximately 8 p.m.